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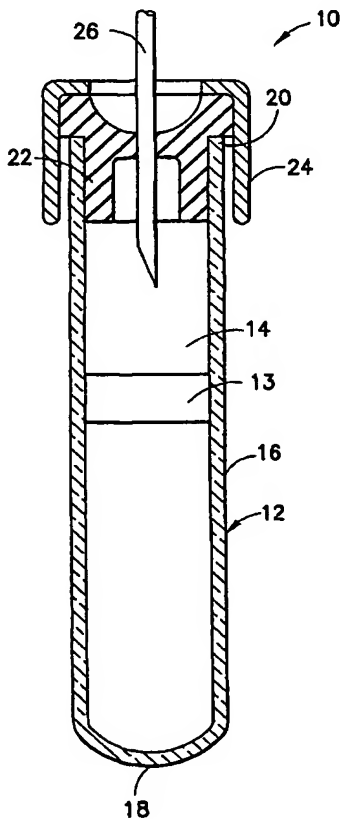
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(57) Abstract: A collection container and a method for collecting a biological sample, particularly whole blood, includes at least one stabilizing agent in an amount effective to inhibit apoptosis. The stabilizing agent comprises or consists of one or more caspase inhibitors.